

ORDER

At Wilmington this day of , **2008**.

A Referral Order dated and Scheduling Order dated having been entered by The Honorable ,

IT IS ORDERED that discovery matters shall be addressed as follows:

Discovery Matters. Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery matter, the parties involved in the discovery matter(s) shall contact chambers at (302) 573-6173 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the conference, excluding weekends and holidays, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, in no less than 12 point font, outlining the issues in dispute and its position on those issues. (The Court does not seek extensive argument or authorities at this point; it seeks simply a statement of the issue to be addressed and a summary of the basis for the party's position on the issue.) Not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the conference, excluding weekends and holidays, any party opposing the application for relief may file a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, in no less than 12 point font, outlining that party's reason for its opposition. Should any document(s) be filed under seal, a copy of the sealed document(s) must be provided to the Magistrate Judge within one (1) hour of e-filing the document(s). Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court will order it. Disputes over protective orders or motions for extension of time which are related to discovery matters are to be addressed in the first instance in accordance with this paragraph.

No motions to compel or motions for protective order shall be filed absent approval of the court. Absent expressed approval of the court following a discovery conference, no motions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 shall be filed.

Local counsel are reminded of their obligations to inform out-of-state counsel of this Order. To avoid the imposition of sanctions, counsel shall advise the Court immediately of any problems regarding compliance with this Order.

/s/ Mary Pat Thyng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE